

Mockelman files for student president/regent

By HENRY CORDES

Student Senate Speaker Guy Mockelman, saying he wants to become more involved with legislation and actions that affect UNO, filed as a candidate for student president/regent on Monday.

Mike DeBolt, a student senator, also is expected to seek the position. The Gateway was unable to contact him for comment. Student Government elections will be held Oct. 24-27.

Mockelman, a 21-year-old economics major, said he hopes to expand the "student president" part of the office and take a more active role with student organizations than his predecessors.

Current Student President/Regent Ray Mandery plans to go on active duty in the Air Force after graduating in December.

Mockelman said he hoped the position would give him more clout when lobbying for UNO interests with the NU Board of Regents and state legislature.

The student president/regent is a non-voting member of the board. Each campus in the NU system has one student representative.

Until 1982, students serving on the board received salaries. At a regents meeting earlier this month, the board approved

the establishment of alumni scholarships of \$2,400 for student regents.

Mockelman said if elected he would take the job seriously. "I don't know all the answers," he said, "and as of right now I don't have all the issues of my campaign outlined."

He said, however, one of the issues he will focus on is the "second-class status" UNO is afforded by the regents. "I don't think it has to be the way it is. The focus has become . . . the campus in Lincoln as the flagship, (with) UNO on the periphery."

"I don't agree with that. UNO has plenty to offer and it's not being utilized."

As a board member, Mockelman said, he would be able to deal with fellow regents and help UNO's standing with them.

"What I hope to do is idealistic, but realistically, I'm going to let them know that UNO is No. 1 with me. When they do something, they'll hear from me (about) how it will affect UNO, especially if it is adverse," he said.

The university budget and UNO parking also will be campaign issues, Mockelman said.

"I've heard there's more six-digit (budget) cuts coming next year. That's something we're going to have to gear up to combat again," he said.

Mockelman considers a compromise on one parking issue — the proposed permanent closing of Elmwood Park's lower roads — one of his biggest accomplishments in two years of involvement in Student Government.

When the City Council considered the proposal, which called for ripping the roads out, Mockelman said his arguments before the council helped forged a compromise that closes the roads during the summer and keeps them open during the fall and spring semesters, when they are most heavily used by UNO students.

"They were going to jackhammer the roads and we got a working compromise," he said. "But it's not a permanent solution."

While a member of the Student Senate, Mockelman has chaired the Budget, Executive, and Student Affairs Committees as well as the University Council on Student Affairs. That experience has helped him learn about the workings of Student Government, he said.

"I make as many mistakes as anybody else . . . but I don't think there is anybody that tries this hard," said Mockelman.

"If someone can do a better job, let's elect him so we can get something done."

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Enrollment increases to 16,000; budget effect unclear

By CHRIS MANGEN

The increase in fall enrollment at UNO probably would not have affected recommendations for budget cuts made to the NU Board of Regents, according to Chancellor Del Weber.

Enrollment increased about 2.5 percent, from 15,565 last fall to about 16,000 this year, Weber said. The exact figures have not yet been determined.

The regents agreed on Sept. 9 to a UNO proposal to eliminate 21 faculty positions and 63 class sections.

The cuts were necessary to pay salary increases ordered by the Commission of Industrial Relations, the regents said. The raise will cost the university about \$550,000.

Weber said it didn't matter that suggestions for cuts were made before fall enrollment figures were released. "We had to come up with \$500,000 and there was nowhere else for it to come from," he said.

The plan calls for the firing of non-tenured faculty in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences (six), Education (five), Fine Arts (three), and Public Affairs and Community Service (seven).

Deans of the colleges will make specific recommendations for program reductions, according to Vice Chancellor Otto Bauer. He said deans will use enrollment figures to decide which classes to cut.

Weber said enrollment figures would be a "fairly large" factor in determining cuts, although the main criterion will be "good profes-

sional judgment."

Analysis of enrollment figures should be completed by October, Weber said. University officials then will know which programs attracted the most students. Weber said he thinks the figures will show the College of Arts and Sciences enrollment increased, especially in computer science classes.

But he said he does not expect enrollment to keep increasing.

"This was a one-time shot. We're not going to continue to increase, or at least we're not going to plan on it," said Weber. "We're not going to buck the trend of downward enrollment."

"We had really thought that this would be the year of a drop. The number of high school seniors has just dropped."

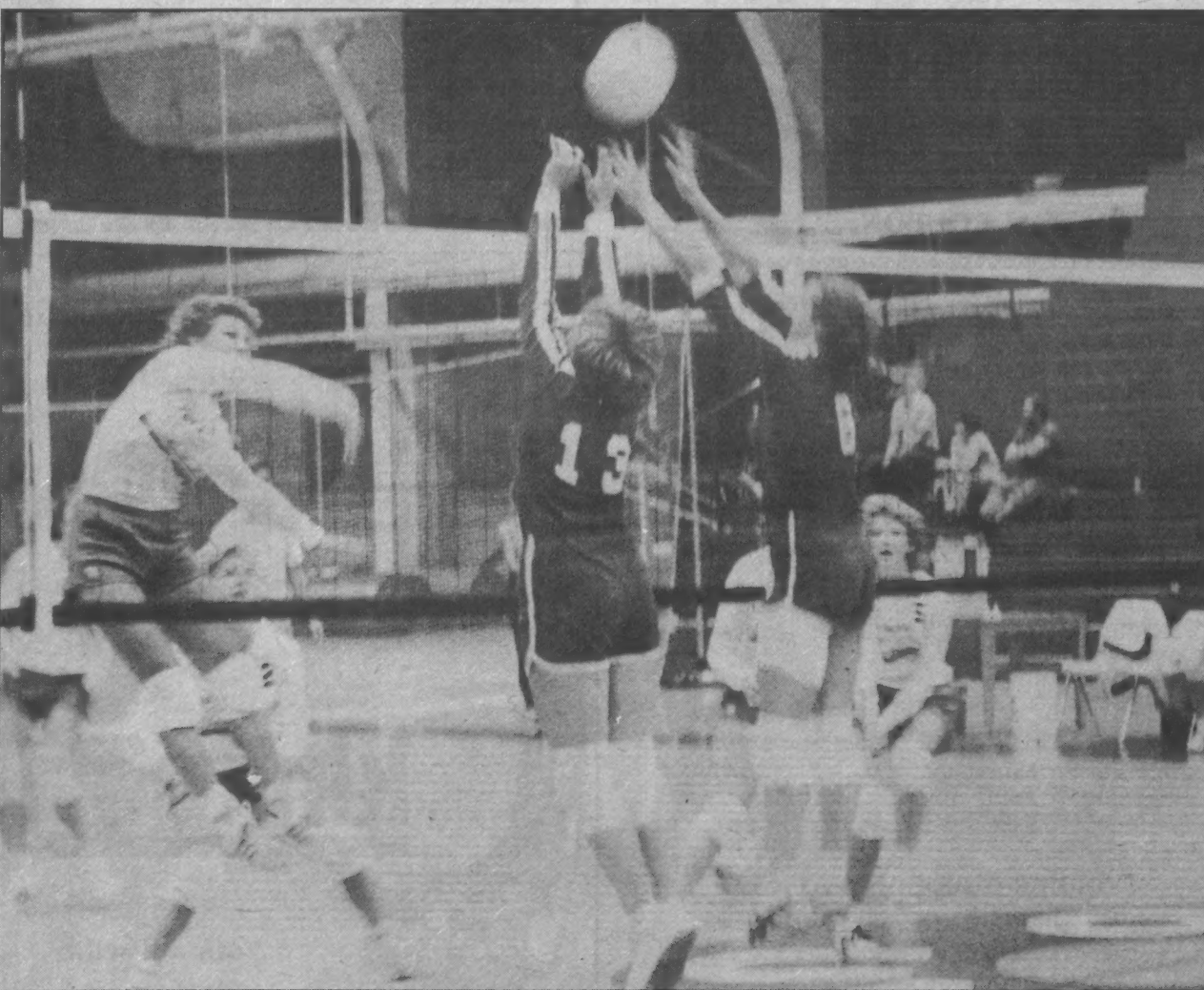
He said he didn't know why enrollment has increased this semester, although it may be due in part to the economy.

Some people who can't find jobs may decide they "might as well go to school," Weber said, and others may find UNO inexpensive to attend compared to other universities.

The increase, which Weber said represents about 400 students, "certainly was a factor in students not being able to get classes."

Closed classes at registration will probably continue and worsen, he added, even if enrollment declines in the future.

It would take a large decrease in enrollment to offset the budget reallocations recommended by the administration, Weber said.



Jeff Fenn

Take that!

The UNO volleyball team won the North Central Conference tournament held last weekend at the Fieldhouse. Front line play like the above helped the Lady Mavs win six straight matches, including the championship over North Dakota State. UNO boosted its record to 9-0 with the tournament sweep. See page 7.

Faculty nominates 17 to review chancellors

The Faculty Senate approved a resolution last week that nominates 17 faculty members for positions on the Chancellor Review Commission.

Senate president Joseph Wood said the establishment of faculty participation in the review of administrators has been a longstanding concern of faculty. Under a plan approved by the UNO administration last year, administrators will be evaluated every three years.

Those administrators are deans, vice chancellors, and Chancellor Del Weber. Plans are being formed to move ahead with the evaluations of Weber and Gary Carrico, vice chancellor for business and finance.

Wood said the administration will narrow the number of candidates for the review commission from 17 to six. That amounts to one candidate from each college and one from the library.

Of those six, the senate will elect three to serve on the commission, he added.

In other business, Wood encouraged senators and other faculty to continue lobbying for a supplemental appropriation from the legislature to pay for faculty salary increases.

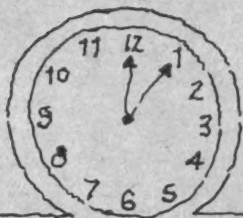
The Board of Regents voted earlier this month to reduce academic programs to help pay for the increases. That move calls for the elimination of 21 non-tenured faculty positions.

"We need to find out from the regents if they're going to do it (ask for supplemental monies)," said Wood. "And if not, why not."

He also said a report will be given at the next regents meeting on Oct. 21 on actions taken to meet the requirements of reallocation of budget money at UNO.

Deans in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education, Fine Arts, and Public Affairs and Community Service have been instructed to make suggestions as to where budget reallocations should take place.

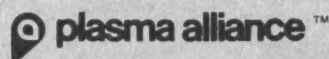
Otto Bauer, vice chancellor for academic affairs, who presented the administration's recommendation for program reductions at the last regents meeting, is not scheduled to give a final report to the board until November.



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UNO employee Herb Grote recently donated a collection of trace and body fossils to the geography/geology department.

Trace fossils are "tracks, trails and burrows in bottom mud that's been turned to rock or lithophied," according to George Engelmann, assistant professor of geography/geology. Body fossils include mammoth teeth, dinosaur bones and clam shells.

Grote, a clerk in mail services, has donated other parts of his collection to schools in the Omaha area, as well as to the Moscow

Academy of Russia and Hamburg University.

He said he became interested in fossils in 1960 while taking a biology class at then-Omaha University.

"The class had an excellent teacher who took us to quarries outside Louisville (Neb.)," Grote said. "We studied the fossils but always threw them back in the pit." He soon began to collect them for himself.

Nebraska has many sources for fossils, according to Grote. He said he found several around the towns of Valley and Waterloo.

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Upcoming activities in the UNO Diamond Jubilee celebration include:

— A Chemistry Working Conference sponsored by the University Research Committee, tomorrow and Friday;

— The Computer Technology Sciences Fair on Friday and Saturday;

— The dramatic arts department production of "The Children's Hour," written by Lillian Hellman. The play opens Friday, Sept. 30;

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New View Press, \$5.95

*I wouldn't recommend drugs and violence to anybody.
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— Duke, a comic strip character modeled after gonzo journalist Hunter Thompson, addressing a college audience.

It's not easy to condone decadent behavior, especially if you're in a business in which you're trying to earn the public's respect and confidence.

I promised my editors I'd review this book, a short enough and easy enough read (Brown writes in a marvelously accessible style). The problem is that "College Daze" is prone to controversy. Lots of it.

Brown takes the attitude that "you shouldn't do this, but since you probably will, here's how to do it right." By doing it right, he means "here's how to do it without ruining your life."

Ann Landers would not approve.

And a conservative critic of higher education, someone like Russell Kirk, would have a field day with this book.

Reading Kirk taught me that the mission of higher learning was at one time more certain than it is today.

It used to be people went to college to attain such abstract goals as wisdom and virtue. Imagine that.

Then came World War II and the G.I. Bill, the baby boom, Sputnik and many other circumstances that inspired a bricks and mortar mentality toward higher education. The business of a university became just that: a business, a big business managed by folks who know more about marketing and accounting than they do about education.

Somewhere along the way the middle class adopted a liberal cry which persists today: "Everybody needs an education." Universities became swamped with young folks, many of them with no particular interest in scholarship.

A college education today is considered primarily a ticket to upward mobility, or a way to maintain that delightful standard of material consumption our elders have set for us. This means that most of us are here for vocational training. Or maybe we just think we need credentials because we hear a person can only go so far in corporate society without some kind of degree.

The high points of "College Daze" appear early in the text, when Brown discusses whether college is right for you. If it is, then which college is right, and how do you do your best to get accepted there?

Why is it important to pick the *right* college, anyway? Brown writes: "Such formative influences as what brand of beer you drink and with whom you lose your virginity could be at stake." He's kidding here, sort of. It strikes us as being funny because it is probably true.

It's probably also true, as Brown says, that most of us lose our virginity while we're drunk — at a moment when we're not especially concerned with birth control.

Brown's book is not solely concerned with decadent good times. He consoles the inexperienced student: after college you probably won't have to work as hard as you'll have to work while you're in school.

He offers some good advice on how to deal with school-related depression — advice I've seen in many different self-help and psychological books. Brown, however, manages to cut through the bullshit of the psycho-babble languages.

"College Daze" is a book I'll recommend to initiates who are so excited about the prospects of college they're wetting their pants. And while I'm making that recommendation, I'll quote everybody's parents: "If everyone else was jumping off a cliff..."

— TOM HASSING

Books

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Library closings at UNL injure university's intent

What matters to the University of Nebraska? A reasonable conclusion is that the No. 1 football team is the university's pride and joy. But the decision to close Love Library at UNL on Saturdays when Big Red is playing at home unfairly affects other, — dare we say it? — more important members of the university.

Why is the library being closed? At first we assumed that librarians and circulation clerks complained they never get the chance to see their favorite team play. But that isn't it; the real reason is, once again, the university budget.

Love Library did not receive any budget increase, other than for library materials, for the current academic year, according to The Daily Nebraskan (the UNL campus newspaper). These financial problems forced the library to cut hours, first by opening at 8 a.m. (a half-hour later than last year) and now by closing on football Saturdays.

Since the library apparently is used little during Nebraska home games, what better way to save a little money than by not opening at all, when the music of "There's No Place On Earth Like Nebraska" wafts through Lincoln city streets?

Ignored, as usual, are students and faculty members. But as Daily Nebraskan columnist Bill Allen argued, Love Library is not at fault. Wrote Allen:

"... this is just one example of incidents that are going on all over campus. It makes you wonder about the priorities of the people who prepare the budget ... a few hours being cut from the library schedule isn't going to hurt the vast majority of UNL students. But ... something as basic to education as access to a well-stocked library shouldn't be the starting point for cutbacks."

It has always been true that a library, any library, is used by a minority of the populace. Nonetheless, the people who want to use the library on football Saturdays are, for the most part, those who make a university's academic reputation: faculty members and graduate students.

A local note: UNO students occasionally travel to Lincoln to use the facilities of Love Library. Additionally, graduate students on this campus rely heavily on inter-campus book borrowing. The shortened hours can only drag out what is often a long process for UNO students needing library materials available only at UNL. So, indirectly, students on this campus are hurt as well.

What are the options for Lincoln students needing access to the library while the football team thrashes another weak opponent? The public library is a possibility, but as one graduate student told Allen, it usually doesn't have the materials needed — especially if one is working on a thesis.

UNL students and faculty could visit UNO, or possibly even Creighton, but may not find the materials needed to conduct research.

Six Saturdays during the fall may strike some as a slight inconvenience for a few people. But this incident is symptomatic of what The Daily Nebraskan called "another step toward academic inferiority." We agree with that paper's Sept. 12 editorial, which urged students and faculty to articulate their disapproval to the Board of Regents and the UNL administration.

We further suggest that UNO interests perk up and take account; once again, because of budgetary problems of the university, the academic side is the first to feel the heat, thereby chipping away at what is supposed to be the first priority of the institution — education.

THE BAD NEWS IS THAT WE'VE HAD SOME CASUALTIES... SYRIA CONTINUES TO FIRE AT OUR SIDE AND OUR NAVY'S SHIPS ARE SHOOTING BACK...



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Birchers' latest martyr: MacDonald

By JEFFREY A. KALLMAN

It almost figured that, when it was established that congressman Larry MacDonald was aboard the ill-fated Korean flight 007, someone would attempt to raise political capital out of that fact.

That the first supplicant happened to be his widow may have been a bit surprising, but only for a few moments.

She was joined by Thomas Toles, an aide to the Georgia Democrat, who said flatly "the reason the aircraft was shot down was because Congressman MacDonald was a passenger."

He, in turn, was joined by other aides and friends, and before you could say Joseph McCarthy, the John Birch Society had found another martyr.

It's here where the drive becomes a little bumpy. Sooner or later, zealots even at the level reached by the John Birch Society must confront reality according to reality, rather than as they would prefer to sculpt it.

Reality in this case is that Larry MacDonald found himself the target of a Soviet fighter purely by coincidence, albeit an ironic one. He'd missed connection a on an earlier flight to Korea, and the one he was able to catch brought him to flight 007. Does that sound like a conspiracy?

One suspects that, should MacDonald be walking through the pearly gates at this instant, he is probably moving about, jabbing his finger and barking to anyone who will listen that, yessir, I knew these damn commies would let me have it sooner or later, and these damn centrists and liberals let it happen ... tra la, tra la ...

Larry MacDonald was a contemporary example of how not to battle communism. He was the sort of man who could smell a communist behind every fall off the cliff of Wile E. Coyote, after being outsmarted yet again by that smirking Road Runner. MacDonald was the kind of man who believed that even a

protest against utility bills was controlled by the Communist Party. And there were those who believed that next to MacDonald, Joe McCarthy was a card-carrying libertarian.

Not that all conservatives were comfortable with the Birch Society. Years after William F. Buckley, Jr., led a memorable assault on the group in National Review, MacDonald was calling him an imposter who "begins frothing at the mouth at any mention of conspiracy" and goes "out of his way to crush an ally."

The ally was Birch Society founder Robert Welch, who called Dwight Eisenhower a communist, something that proved to be too much even for the most charitable conservatives to bear.

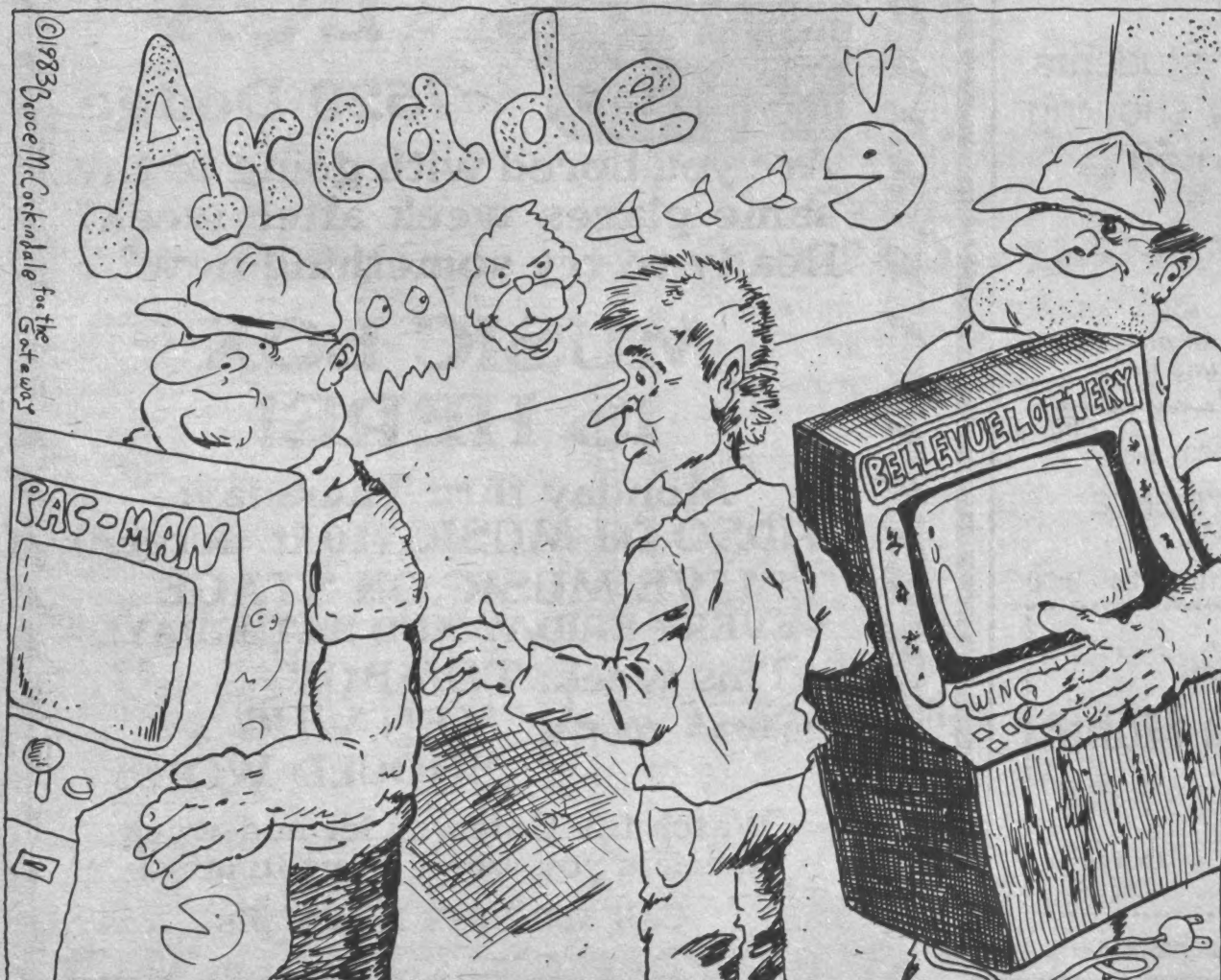
Some say the Society never had as much influence as credited to it; Barry Goldwater, however, simply didn't have the heart to turn the Birchers among his followers away from his 1964 caravan.

If nothing else, McCarthy and the John Birch Society left a legacy which makes it more difficult than it should be to speak in opposition to the Soviet Union. That difficulty may have diminished in recent years, but it is still possible to find one who has been critical of the Soviets accused of McCarthyism, even if the speaker used no McCarthyite tactics.

MacDonald did nothing to speed the legacy away. His first wife testified at their divorce trial that the couple's sex life went down the drain because her husband said "people don't make love in wartime." He also thought that watching a football game rocked his fellow Americans to sleep, allowing them to forget how close the enemy had arrived.

No reasonable view of the Soviet Union was given any genuine assistance by Larry MacDonald. He saw no distinction between liberalism, socialism, and communism, and he viewed any opinion contrary to his own as a direct signal from the Kremlin.

MacDonald was the sort of man many liberals cannot resist; a mountebank, a paranoiac. And we are poorer because he did more than his share to make anti-communism a stigma rather than a worthwhile study and goal for conservatives and liberals alike.



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Literature inspires visiting artist

By CINDY GONZALEZ

The most delicate predicament facing the young composer today is developing a distinct and unique music personality, Joseph Schwantner told students and faculty of the UNO music department last week.

Schwantner, composer-in-residence with the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, addressed a crowd of about 150 in the Performing Arts Recital Hall.

"It was a rare opportunity to be able to have a composer talk about his music and himself during the day and then have it performed by a major symphony that evening," said Roger Foltz, chairman of the UNO music department.

"He's really one of the up and coming American composers," said Foltz.

Schwantner spoke about the composition of symphony and the emergence of contemporary composers and their work.

"The vitality of music depends on the continuing body of new work being created today," Schwantner said, stressing the importance for audience support.

Obviously, Schwantner is exposed to the right "climate" needed to become a respected and talented composer of "serious" music, as he characterized it. He won the 1979 Pulitzer Prize for music and has received numerous awards for his contributions to symphonic music.

Schwantner said his interest in music was sparked by playing the guitar, which he learned at an early age. He started writing music and lyrics in high school as a member of a jazz ensemble, and pursued music and academic training at the Chicago Conservatory and Northwestern University.

Schwantner, a native of Chicago, said most of his ideas for compositions develop from literature. He said he is always searching for new material, and hopes to return to the Old

Market to rummage through bookstores.

"Poems are well-springs for musical ideas," he said. "They are the mechanisms for starting the whole composition process."

Schwantner's Pulitzer Prize-winning work, "Aftertones of Infinity," is the result of inspiration he received from a poem of his own. The musical piece gives life to the images created in the poem, he said.

He played "Sparrows," one of his recent works, at the Recital Hall.

Schwantner is one of six composers residing with major American orchestras through grants by the Exxon Corporation, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Sports

UNO defeats South Dakota despite heat, bad field position

By ERIC OLSON

Vermillion, S.D. — Although UNO had to overcome poor field position for much of the night, the Mavs won their conference opener against South Dakota in the Dakota Dome last Saturday night, 17-10.

"Field position just killed us in the first half," said UNO head coach Sandy Buda, "but the offense and defense came through when we needed big plays."

The biggest play of the game came with 28 seconds left in the fourth quarter. With the score tied at 10, quarterback Randy Naran found James Quaite in the end zone on a touchdown pass from 13 yards out.

The winning drive, which covered 41 yards in five plays, was the result of linebacker Tim Carlson's interception of South Dakota quarterback Jim Duggan's pass on third and 22.

Naran said the Mavericks were running their two-minute offense in the final drive. "We lined up and I shouted out the play. The pass to Quaite was all a matter of timing," he said.

UNO also had difficulty moving the ball on offense for much of the game. According to Naran, the offense could not gamble with any fancy plays.

"We really were in a lull. It was just bad field position. We had to be conservative," he said.

UNO opened the scoring on a 14-yard touchdown pass from Naran to Quaite with 10:02 remaining in the first quarter. Quaite caught three passes in the game for 32 yards.

The Coyotes' Kurt Seibel booted a 34-yard field goal to narrow the margin to 7-3 early in the second quarter.

South Dakota missed scoring opportunities twice in the second quarter, helping UNO protect its lead. With 15 seconds remaining in the half, Duggan hit Gerald Kellogg on second and eight for six yards on the left sideline to the UNO 4-yard line.

Kellogg's failure to get out of bounds allowed the clock to run out.

Earlier in the quarter, South Dakota drove to the Maverick 17. However, a holding penalty in the backfield penalized the Coyotes 27 yards to the 44 and resulted in a Seibel punt.

UNO's Mark Pettit extended the lead to 10-3 with a 23-yard field goal with 7:23 left in the third quarter. The three-pointer was set up by a seven-play, 22-yard drive which was the result of a Quaite fumble recovery of a dropped punt.

South Dakota tied the score with 5:16 remaining in the fourth quarter on a Kellogg dive from the one-yard line on fourth and goal. The scoring drive went 69 yards in 13 plays.

Heat took its toll on the players in the muggy confines of the Dakota Dome. Temperature at kickoff was 82 degrees.

Officials allowed equipment personnel from both squads to

take water out to players on the field during injury times out, a practice which usually is against the rules.

UNO racked up 202 yards in total offense before an estimated crowd of 7,800. The Coyotes compiled 297 yards, mostly through the air.

Naran passed 24 times, completing 15 for 125 yards. Duggan threw for 202 yards, hitting 17 of 30.

Larry Barnett led UNO rushers with 31 yards on four carries. Kellogg, a graduate of Omaha Northwest, was the game's leading rusher, carrying 21 times for 62 yards.

The win boosted UNO's record to 2-1, and 1-0 in the North Central Conference. South Dakota fell to 1-2 overall, and 0-1 in the NCC.

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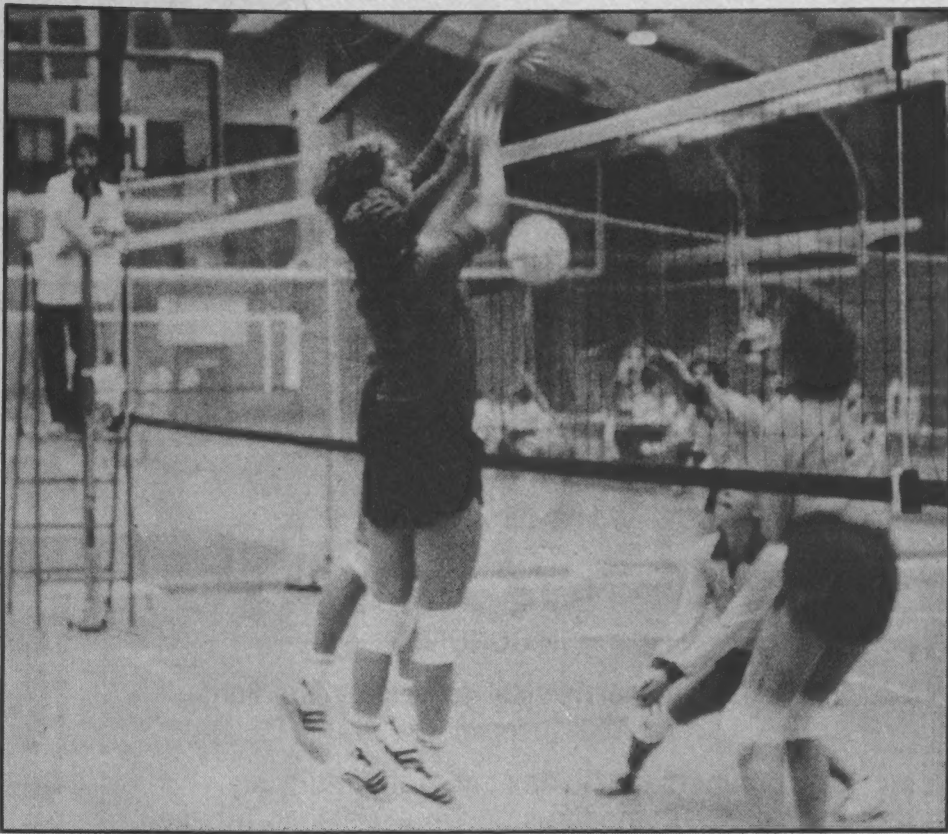
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Two-on-two . . . The UNI blocking tandem of Wendy Melcher (3) and Kristi Nelson deny two North Dakota State players' attempt to send the ball over the net.

UNI dominates tournament

By CONNIE FOX

The UNI volleyball team swept through the North Central Conference tournament at the Fieldhouse last weekend.

The Lady Mavs won the tournament with a 6-0 record, raising its overall record to 9-0. UNI defeated North Dakota State 17-15, 10-15, 15-3 to win the championship.

The final game of the championship match was decided by the spikes of UNI middle blocker Brenda Schnebel.

"They were trying to make up their tempo of ball,"

said Schnebel. "It seemed like it was just dragging on and we took over."

Behind the aroused play of Schnebel, UNI thoroughly dominated the last game. Schnebel finished with 10 kill-spikes for the match.

Coach Janice Krueger said the tournament was valuable to UNI because "it gives us a chance to play conference opponents more than once. We go to tournaments other schools in the conference don't go to."

The winner of the second NCC tournament, played in

November, automatically qualifies for the NCAA Division II regional tournament.

Before the championship match, UNI disposed of five opponents while not losing a game. On Friday, the Lady Mavs rolled over Augustana College, 15-5, 15-4; South Dakota, 15-7, 15-7; and North Dakota, 15-1, 15-1.

On Saturday, the team beat South Dakota State 15-5, 15-8, and Mankato State, 15-3, 15-5.

UNI travels to St. Cloud, Minn., on Friday for an invitational tournament.

Runners grab first at Doane

The UNI's men cross country team finished first last Saturday at the Doane College Invitational.

The team finished with 45 points, outdistancing eight other schools. Mike Jones of UNI had the best finish for the team overall, placing fourth.

Three other Mav runners finished in the top 10 at Doane: Kelley Crawford, sixth; Todd Peverill, ninth; and Scott Pachunka, 10th. Freshman Joe Harder finished 16th.

Meanwhile, the Lady Mavs cross country team finished third at the Drake Invitational. Out of four teams, UNI was the only non-Division I competitor.

Western Illinois won the meet with 33 points. Drake was second with 51, UNI third with 53, and Northern Iowa last with 91.

Top finisher for UNI was Linda Elsasser in third place. Rounding out the top UNI five were Sherry Crist, 10th; Cheryl Fonley, 11th; Karen Osada, 14th; and Janice Moreau, 15th.

Men's track coach Don Patton said he was pleased with his squad's performance, and especially happy with the running of newcomers on the team.

"Doug Mascher, Dave Nielsen, and Mike Novak all ran real well," Patton said. He didn't expect the three, all freshmen, to emerge as contending runners so quickly.

The men play at the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational on Saturday and will be without the services of Ben Welch, who has a leg injury.

The Lady Mavs travel to Springfield, Mo., for the Ozark Invitational.

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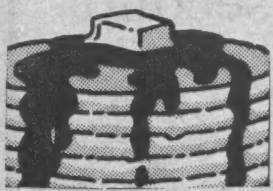
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